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IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF VIETNAM FOR GOATS EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES

The goats must be accompanied by a U.S. Origin Health Certificate issued by a veterinarian authorized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and endorsed by a Veterinary Services (VS) veterinarian. The certificate must carry the names and addresses of the consignor and consignee and complete identification of the animals. In addition, the certificate must include the following certification statements and the results of the indicated testing:

CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS

1. The United States is free of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) and has never had a case of BSE.
2. The United States has been free of contagious caprine pleuropneumonia, foot-and-mouth disease, peste des petits ruminants, rinderpest, and sheep and goat pox for the last 5 years.
3. No case of anthrax, bluetongue, brucellosis (*B. melitensis*), campylobacteriosis, caprine arthritis and encephalitis, contagious agalactia, maedi-visna, or scrapie has been diagnosed in the herd of origin in the last 3 years.
4. After due inquiry, it is determined that the goats have never been fed ruminant meat-and-bone meal.
5. Within 30 days of export, on _____, the goats were treated for internal and external parasites with _____, (a) product(s) approved for said purpose.
6. The goats are free of signs of infectious and contagious disease.

TEST REQUIREMENTS

Within 45 days of export, the goats must be tested as prescribed below and found negative:

1. Brucellosis: Complement-fixation test OR buffered *Brucella* antigen test.
2. CAE: Agar-gel immunodiffusion test OR ELISA.

[Note: Federal regulations require most goats to be tested and found negative for tuberculosis no more than 90 days prior to movement for export. Please refer to Title 9, *Code of Federal Regulations*, Sections 91.3 and 91.6.]

OTHER INFORMATION

1. The above requirements would be invalidated if the animals for export were to be threatened by a serious infectious disease not addressed in the requirements.
2. All means of transport must be cleaned and disinfected using methods and products acceptable to the USDA.
3. After leaving the United States, the ship or aircraft transporting the animals may only call at intermediate ports approved by Vietnam.
4. No ruminants, swine, or animal bedding or feed may be taken aboard the ship or aircraft once it has left the United States.

EXPORT CERTIFICATION

At the port of embarkation, a VS veterinarian must attach to the U.S. Origin Health Certificate a completed VS Form 17-37, Certificate of Inspection of Export Animals, showing:

1. The name and address of the consignor.
2. The name and address of the consignee.
3. The number and species of the animals to be shipped.
4. A statement that the animals have been given a careful veterinary inspection at the port of embarkation and found free of evidence of communicable disease and exposure thereto within 24 hours of exportation.